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BRAC JOB FAIR APPLICANTS TO HEAR SOON

(Bel Air, MD - July 17, 2008) - - Potential job candidates are being contacted as a follow up to the BRAC Job Fair held in early June. Nearly 1,750 job seekers attended the event despite a tornado watch and three inches of rain that fell during the Job Fair. Approximately 77 percent of attendees had at least a bachelor's degree; half of those had advanced degrees.

Local, state and federal officials are working expeditiously to fill the vacant slots that are coming into Aberdeen Proving Ground. The Susquehanna Workforce Network, the Harford County Office of Economic Development and

Harford Community College joined forces with Team C4ISR and Aberdeen Proving Ground officials on Wednesday, June 4 to host the first BRAC Job Fair for the incoming government positions that are moving to APG this summer.

Harford County Executive David Craig commented he is "pleased to see federal officials working collaboratively to expedite the process of contacting potential candidates as Harford Countians and others from the region are interested in seeking employment closer to home." Job Fair attendees were also from other areas of the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor: Cecil and Baltimore Counties, Baltimore City and southern Delaware and Pennsylvania. Applicants from 10 other states were also seeking positions.

Federal human resources officials are currently contacting potential candidates who were in attendance at the Job Fair. Vacant slots that will be filled this summer from this experienced applicant pool include: engineering, computer science, logistician, management analyst, contract specialist and administrative support positions that are being moved from Ft. Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Ft. Monmouth is one of several federal installations having positions being relocated to APG as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure 2005 decision.

"While still early in the process, we have indicators that applications are being reviewed and that some initial hiring has occurred since the job fair. Additionally, this was an avenue for local residents to increase their awareness of the federal employment possibilities related to the region's growth. Inquiries regarding similar events and interest in the Workforce Centers workshop "How to Apply for Federal Jobs" have increased since the BRAC Job Fair as well," said Bruce England, Executive Director for the Susquehanna Workforce Network.

Descriptions on the Ft. Monmouth agencies and a limited number of current tenant organizations at Aberdeen Proving Ground were provided to job seekers along with a general overview for applying for federal positions. At the end of the meeting with individual agencies, applicants were guided by a "Resumix Team" to assist job seekers in filing for these federal positions.

Army Team C4ISR at Ft. Monmouth will have a future need for candidates in engineering, acquisition, logistics, human resources, management planning, intelligence and security specialists, program analysts, financial management, budget analysts and operation research analysts among other positions. There will be future job fairs to fill positions in all of these skills as these positions move to APG.

County, state and regional officials continue to work alongside Aberdeen Proving Ground on relocation activities with Ft. Monmouth and other incoming federal installations. Several other BRAC-related Job Fairs are being planned to accommodate the high level of interest in these positions.

Additional information on obtaining a federal job can be obtained by visiting one of the three state Workforce Centers in the region or visiting www.mwejobs.state.md.us

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